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STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

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Communicable Diseases—Notification of Cases. (Chap. 67, Act May 7, 1915.)

SECTION. 1. Section 1416-1 of the statutes is amended to read:

SEC. 1416-1. It shall be the duty of every physician to report to the department of health in every town, incorporated village, or city, in writing, within 24 hours, the full name, age, and address of every person treated, visited, or known by such physician to be suffering from any one of the infectious or contagious diseases following, to wit: Measles, smallpox, diphtheria (membranous croup), scarlet fever (scarlatina), typhoid fever, tuberculosis (of any organ), rubella (rötheln), chicken-pox, typhus fever, plague, erysipelas, Asiatic cholera, whooping cough, cerebrospinal meningitis, yellow fever, acute anterior poliomyelitis, trachoma, and ophthalmia neonatorum; and it shall be the duty of every person, owner, agent, manager, principal, or superintendent of any public or private institution or dispensary, hotel, boarding or lodging house, in any such town, incorporated village, or city, to make a report, in like manner and form, of any inmate, occupant, or boarder suffering from any of the said infectious or contagious diseases. It shall also be the duty of every physician to report by number all cases of syphilis and gonorrhea occurring in his practice to the State board of health at such time and in such manner as the State board of health may direct.

Communicable Diseases—Notification Blanks to be Furnished by State Board of Health—Reports by Health Officers to State Board of Health. (Chap. 182, Act May 28, 1915.)

SECTION 1. Section 1412m-2 of the statutes is amended to read:

SEC. 1412m-2. 1. All record books, quarantine cards, and other material needed to satisfactorily carry on the work of the board, except such as is furnished by the State board of health, shall be supplied by the local health officer and paid for at public expense, upon the order of the local board of health.

2. The blanks used by physicians and other persons reporting dangerous communicable diseases to the local health officers shall be furnished by the State board of health, and distributed by the local health officer in each district. These blanks shall be of the general form adopted and approved by the State and Territorial health authorities in conference with the United States Public Health Service.

3. Local health officers, or boards of health, shall, within seven days after the receipt by them of reports of cases of notifiable communicable diseases, and as much oftener as the State board of health may require, forward by mail to the State board of health the original written reports made by physicians and other persons, after having transcribed the information given in the respective reports in a book, or other form of record, for the permanent files of the local health office. On each report thus forwarded the local health officer shall state whether the case to which the report pertains was visited, or otherwise investigated, by a representative of the local health office, and whether measures were taken to prevent the spread of the disease or the occurrence of additional cases.

4. The local health officer, or board of health, shall, when an epidemic of any dangerous communicable disease occurs in the district, within 30 days after the epidemic has subsided, make a report to the State board of health of the number of cases occurring in the epidemic, the number of cases terminating fatally, the origin of the epidemic, and the means by which the disease was spread.

Wassermann Test and Chemical Examination of the Cerebrospinal Fluid—Free.
(Chap. 307, Act June 23, 1915.)

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes a new section to read:

SEC. 561*jn*. The board of control is hereby authorized to make necessary arrangements with the laboratory of the psychiatric institute of Mendota for the giving of the Wassermann test to any person confined in any State or county institution, and of making such test for any practicing physician of this State who makes application therefor in behalf of any resident of this State, free of charge. Arrangements shall also be made with said institute for the making of chemical examinations of the cerebrospinal fluid for any practicing physician of this State free of charge.

Rabies—Prevention of—Killing of Dogs. (Chap. 512, Act Aug. 5, 1915.)

Section 1619 of the statutes was amended to read:

SEC. 1619. 1. Any person may kill any dog that he knows is affected with a disease known as hydrophobia or that may suddenly assault him while he is peacefully walking or riding and while being out of the inclosure of its owner or keeper, * * *.

State Tuberculosis Sanatorium—Medical Examination of Applicants for Admission—Indigent Patients. (Chap. 429, Act July 20, 1915.)

SECTION 1. Section 1421-6, subsections 1 and 2 of section 1421-8, and sections 1421-12 and 1421-13 of the statutes are amended to read:

SEC. 1421-6. The State board of control may appoint as medical examiner or examiners of said institution any reputable physician or physicians, who shall be a citizen or citizens of Wisconsin, and whose duty it shall be to examine all persons applying for admission to the sanatorium. The fee of the examining physician shall not exceed \$4 in any case, said amount to be paid by the applicant. If the applicant is unable to pay such fee, then such fee shall be charged against the county in which the patient has a legal settlement.

SEC. 1421-8. 1. All persons admitted as patients to the sanatorium shall pay to said institution the cost of their maintenance. The charges for any patient or patients may, however, be paid by any person or persons or society. The determination of such sum shall be made by the superintendent and the State board of control. Any person who is unable to pay the charges for his or her support may be admitted to said sanatorium after it has been determined by the examining physician and superintendent of the sanatorium that such person is suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis in the incipient or slightly advanced stage: *Provided, however,* That before such person shall be admitted to the sanatorium he or she shall file a statement with the judge of the probate court of the county within which he or she has a legal settlement, setting forth the fact that he or she is unable to pay the regular charges.

2. Said judge upon presentation of the report of the examining physician that said person is afflicted with pulmonary tuberculosis in the incipient or slightly advanced stage and a statement from the superintendent of the sanatorium that in his opinion the applicant is eligible and that he or she can be received, shall make an investigation, and if he finds that said applicant or his legal representatives are actually unable to pay such charges, shall approve in writing the application of such person: *Provided,* That such judge may in his discretion require the approval of chairman of